Parking board recommends leasing lot

The newly created Rapid City Parking Board made its first recommendation to the city council Tuesday night. But instead of relieving some of the council work load, as intended, the report was referred to committees.

Roger Schneider, acting chairman of the five-member board, suggested the city lease the now vacant corner at Kansas City and Fifth, formerly occupied by Dodge Town, in addition to the adjacent lot on Fifth and St. Joe.

The south lot, he suggested, should be used for monthly parking and the lot fronting St. Joe should be for short term parking for shoppers, and possibly meters installed.

The board also is recommending the city place a temporary asphalt paving on both lots. Estimated cost of the paving is about $17,000.

Mayor Don Barnett said the city is paying $350 a month rent for the Fifth and St. Joe lot and has been advised the south lot would be offered at about the same price.

Harold Schmidt recommended accepting the board's report and the city lease the old Dodge Town lot. Charles Swander, however, wanted the report to go through committee. Schmidt replied it was his understanding the board was formed to relieve the council committees of this work. The council voted to run it through at least two committees.

Other members of the parking board are Earl Morehouse of Penney's, Dwight Guffey of the American State Bank, Mick Mudlin of Lariat Clothiers and Larry Van Boening, an insurance councillor. Schneider is with Schneider Music Co.